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SUBJ: POPLAR RIVER -- SASKATCHEWAN TO REVIEW PROJECT RE INTERNATIONAL

OBLIGATIONS

REF: A. WINNIPEG 508, B. HUTSON-JONIETZ TELCON DEC 21

1. ACCORDING TO GOS INFORMATION RELEASE DTD DEC 15, SASKATCHEWAN ENVIRONMENT MINISTER NEIL BYERS IS CONVENING A BOARD OF INQUIRY TO REVIEW, INTER ALIA, WHETHER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES ALREADY PLANNED FOR THE POPLAR RIVER PROJECT ARE ADEQUATE TO MEET CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. THIS BOARD WILL HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN SASKATCHEWAN, WILL ACCEPT WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS AND IS SCHEDULED TO SUBMIT A REPORT BY JUNE 15, 1978.

2. IN TELCON WITH GOS DEPUTY ENVIRONMENT MINISTER GRANT MITCHELL DEC 21, WE LEARNED THAT ALTHOUGH THE MECHANISM OF THIS BOARD IS PART OF NORMAL PROVINCIAL PROCEDURES IN HANDLING SUCH PROJECTS, THIS EFFORT IS CONSIDERED TO BE "SIGNIFICANT" IN THAT MANY PEOPLE IN SASKATCHEWAN THEMSELVES ARE CONFUSED AS TO WHETHER THE
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PROVINCE IS DOING ALL IT CAN IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ON POPLAR RIVER. IN ADDITION, MITCHELL NOTED THAT THE REFERENCE TO THIS PROVINCIAL REVIEW OF A MATTER DEALING WITH "CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS" WAS DELIBERATELY WORDED, AND CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE GOS.

3. MITCHELL IS SENDING US MORE BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON THE BOARD

OF INQUIRY WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY AND EUR/CAN.

4. FINALLY, MITCHELL COMMENTED THAT SASKATCHEWAN WAS DOING
A LITTLE HEAD-"SCRATCHING" ABOUT RECENT CONTACTS
BETWEEN MONTANA GOVERNOR JUDGE AND NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR LINK
WHO APPEAR TO BE JOINING FORCES IN SOME FASHION WITH REGARD TO
POPLAR AND THE GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT. THE MONTANA PRESS HAS
REPORTEDLY GIVEN CONSIDERABLE PLAY TO THIS, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY FEED-BACK THE DEPARTMENT CNA PROVIDE ON THIS.
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